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SUBJECT: THIRD NATIONAL GAMES

1. WITH THE DESIGNATION OF CHEN HSI-LIEN AS CHAIRMAN OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE THIRD NATIONAL GAMES (NCNA FEBRUARY 15), THE PLA HAS MAINTAINED ITS LEADERSHIP ROLE OVER SPORTS, AN AREA OF MASS ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITY LONG COVERTED BY THE RADICALS. POLITBURO MEMBER, VICE-PREMIER, AND PEKING MR COMMANDER CHEN HAS THUS REPLACED (PRESUMABLY DECEASED) MARSHAL HO LUNG AS SPORTS CZAR. CHUANG TSE-TUNG, THE NEWLY APPOINTED MINISTER OF THE SPORTS COMMISSION, IS RELEGATED TO A SUBORDINATE POSITION AS SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE.

2. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE SEVEN MONTHS BEFORE THE VENT SUGGESTS THAT THE GAMES WILL BE GIVEN A LOT OF HOOPLA, AND THIS IS PROBABLY INTENDED TO PORTRAY A RETURN TO PRE-CULTURAL REVOLUTION NORMS OF DOMESTIC LIFE AND SOCIAL STABILITY. SPORTS, HOWEVER, HAVE BEEN INCREASING-

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LY EMPHASIZED THE PAST FEW YEARS AND THE NATIONAL GAMES

REPRESENT A GROWTH IN THE TREND RATHER THAN A NEW DEPARTURE.

3. THIRTY-ONE SPORTS DELEGATIONS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE GAMES, REPRESENTING THE PLA, CHINA'S TWENTY-NINE PROVINCES, AND TAIWAN. AN INVITATION HAS BEEN SENT TO TAIWAN VIA A CIRCULAR ISSUED BY THE COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 15, ALTHOUGH TAIWANESE REPRESENTATION WILL PROBABLY COME FROM THOSE RESIDING OVERSEAS.

4. THE FIRST NATIONAL GAMES WERE HELD IN PEKING FROM SEPTEMBER 13 TO OCTOBER 3, 1959, TOMARK THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRC. THE SECOND NATIONAL GAMES TOOK PLACE BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 11 AND 28, 1965, ALMOST 10 YEARS AGO. ON BOTH OCCASIONS, MARSHAL HO LUNG PRESIDED AND CHAIRMAN MAO WAS IN ATTENDANCE.  
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